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SUBJECT: BETHLEHEM STEEL GIVING UP FLUROSPAR EXPLORATION
IN TETE

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1. BETHLEHEM EXECUTIVE WAS QUOTED BY NEW YORK TIMES OF
APRIL 24 AS SAYING, IN RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION AT STOCK-
HOLDER'S MEETING, THAT BETHLEHEM QTE DID NOT LOOK FAVORABLY
UPON DOING FURTHER BUSINESS THERE (MOZAMBIQUE) UNTIL
INTERNAL STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE WAS SETTLED UNQTE.

2. WHEN QUERIED BY DEPARTMENT, BETHLEHEM SPOKESMAN SAID
THAT QUOTE WAS ACCURATE EXCEPT THAT BETHLEHEM DID NOT
MEAN TO IMPLY THAT IT WAS AN "INTERNAL" STRUGGLE. WHEN
ASKED IF BETHLEHEM WOULD THEREFORE RETAIN ITS CONCESSION
BUT JUST SUSPEND EXPLORATION, SPOKESMAN WAS EVASIVE.
COMMENT; DEPARTMENT GOT IMPRESSION THAT CONCESSION WOULD
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